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Applicant : Cynthia C. Morton *et al.* Art Unit : 1648
Serial No. : 09/394,264 Examiner : U. Winkler
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Title (as amended): COMPOSITIONS TO DETECT LESIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
HEARING LOSS IN THE COCHLEAR GENE, COCH5B2
Title (previously): A NOVEL COCHLEAR GENE COCH5B2 AND USES THEREFOR

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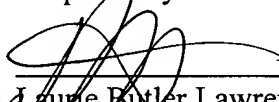
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated September 7, 2004, finally rejecting claims 62 and 63.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for three months to and including March 7, 2005, is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$250 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10286-008001.

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